

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks and arguments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 12 and 23-25 are currently pending in this application, and the Examiner's indication that Claim 25 contains patentable subject matter is noted with appreciation. By the foregoing amendment Claims 1 and 25 have been revised. Accordingly, Claims 1, 4, 12 and 23-25 remain in this application for consideration and allowance.

In the August 19, 2010 Office Action the following objection and rejection, which are respectfully traversed for reasons subsequently set forth herein, were made.

1. Claim 15 was objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, with the Examiner indicating that Claim 15 would be allowable if appropriately rewritten in independent form; and

2. Claims 1, 4, 12, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,248,110 to Reiley et al in view of U.S. Patent 5,545,136 to Berger.

1. The Objection to Claim 25

In the foregoing amendment, the Examiner's objection to Claim 25 has been overcome by rewriting Claim 25 in independent form.

2. The Obviousness Rejection of Claims 1, 4, 12, 23 and 24

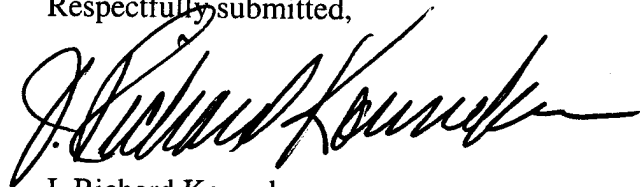
In the foregoing amendment independent Claim 1 has been revised to specify that the recited step of "securing the expandable structure to the platform in a manner to maintain a predetermined rotational orientation between the expandable structure and the platform" is performed **utilizing a notch formed in the side surface of the platform and configured to interlockingly receive a corresponding portion of the expandable structure.** Antecedent basis for this amendment of Claim 1 may be found in FIG. 36 of applicants' drawings, and in lines 3-9 of page 3 of their specification.

Applicants' claimed utilization of this notch formed in the side surface of the platform and configured to interlockingly receive a corresponding portion of the expandable structure is neither disclosed nor in any manner suggested in either of the Reiley et al and Berger references. It is thus respectfully submitted that applicants' Claim 1, and thus none of its dependent Claims 4, 12, 23 and 24, is rendered obvious by the Reiley et al/Berger reference combination proposed by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendment, remarks and arguments, all of the claims currently pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of Claims 1, 4, 12 and 23-25 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at 972/739-8612 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the instant application.

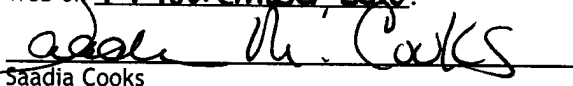
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